QUALITY: AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH ANALYSIS AND REPORTING (QUASAR) RELEASE NOTES

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Release Notes

Overview

This manual briefly discusses the major changes to the QUASAR package. For more information on the functionality, turn to the user manual. For more information on the technical changes refer to on-line descriptions of files/fields.

Multi-Divisional Processing

This release provides the ability to specify the Division in which a Visit took place, at the time the visit data is entered into the system. The Workload Report and all other A&SP Reports were amended to print for each Division, rather than for the site as a whole.

Interface to PCE

The new system includes an optional interface to the Patient Care Encounter package. The interface may be activated for specific Divisions rather than for the site as a whole.

The interface transfers all new, edited and deleted visits to PCE as soon as they are filed in QUASAR. Any data errors generated by the interface are reported to the user on the screen.

If the Interface is in use, the user can associate a new QUASAR Visit with any existing appointment or PCE Visit on file for the Patient, at the same Clinic, on the specified Date. If a PCE Visit is selected, the system will retrieve the PCE Visit data (such as Diagnosis and Procedure Codes) to prevent the user from entering the information a second time.

New data fields were added for capture during visit data entry, to comply with the minimum data requirements of the PCE package.

Telephone Support

This release also includes the ability to enter Visit data against a clinic whose stop code is 216 (Telephone Support). In Version 2.0 of QUASAR it was only possible to enter data for clinics whose Stop Code is 203 (Audiology) or 204 (Speech Pathology).

CPT Modifers

This version adds the ability to capture CPT and HCPCS Modifiers when entering CPT Procedure Codes for a Visit.

New Options

Update CPT Modifiers per CO Directive [ACKQAS UPDATE CPT MODIFIERS]

This option can be found under the Set Up/Maintenance menu. Use this option whenever CO directs changes to the CPT or HCPCS modifiers. Changes include

activating/inactivating or adding modifiers to the A&SP Procedure Modifier file
(#509850.5).

Print A&SP Service CDR [ACKQAS CDR PRINT]
This option can be found under the Management Reports A&SP menu. Use this option to
reprint the CDR report that was originally created using the Generate A&SP Service
CDR option.

Delete an A&SP Clinic Visit [ACKQAS DELETE VISIT]
This option can be found under the A&SP Supervisor Menu. Use it to delete visits that
are entered in error.

PCE Exception Report [ACKQAS **PCE EXCEPTION REPORT**]
This report lists all A&SP Clinic Visits:
a. Where the Visit Date falls after the PCE Interface Start Date for the Division, that
have not been successfully updated in PCE or
b. That were previously sent, then subsequently edited in QUASAR but not resent to
PCE due to the interface no longer being active.

Changed Options

A&SP Site Parameters [ACKQAS SITE PARAMS]
Site Level: At the site level, you determine:
- If you want to interface with PCE.
- If you want a link between QUASAR and a specific DSS unit for Audiology
or Speech Pathology.

Division Level: For each division within the site, you determine:
- If you want to send data to PCE.
- If you want to use an ASP clinic file numbering system.
- If you want to use the AMIE/C&P interface.
- If you want to bypass Audiometrics.
- Each clinic location that will be used.

Use Modifiers: This field is no longer used as a site parameter.

New Clinic Visits [ACKQAS VISIT ENTRY]
Division: For those sites that are set up in the site parameters as multi-divisional sites
and more than one division is Active, the division is asked.
Appointment Time: You are asked for an appointment time if an appointment or PCE
visit is not selected for the patient.
If the PCE site parameter for the division is set to YES, the following may or may not be
asked:
Visit Eligibility: What is the patient's eligibility for this visit?
Service Connected: Is the treatment for a service connected disability?
Agent Orange: Is the treatment for the visit related to Agent Orange exposure?
Radiation: Is the treatment for the visit related to radiation exposure?

Environmental Contaminants: Is the treatment for the visit related to environmental contaminants?

Primary Diagnosis: One of the Diagnostic Codes must be designated as the Primary Diagnosis.

Clinician: This prompt was changed to **Primary Provider**.

Second Clinician: This prompt was changed to **Secondary Provider**.

Other Provider: This is no longer asked.

Lead Role: This is no longer asked.

CPT Modifier: You are now prompted for modifiers whenever a modifiable CPT code is entered. This can no longer be turned off in the Site Parameters.

Volume: A volume can be entered for each procedure.

Procedure Provider: A provider can be entered for each procedure.

Disposition: This is no longer asked.

Edit an Existing Visit [ACKQAS VISIT EDIT]

Except for Division, the same changes are found in this option as in New Clinic Visits. Because it is an edit, the division is already known.

A&SP Reports [ACKQAS REPORTS]

For those sites that are set up in the site parameters as multi-divisional sites and more than one division is Active, you are asked for the division in the following options:

Visits by Diagnosis [ACKQAS VISITS BY DIAG]
Patients by City [ACKQAS PAT BY CITY]
Statistics by Procedure [ACKQAS VPROC STATS]
Workload Report [SDCLINIC WORKLOAD]

Management Reports A&SP [ACKQAS MANAGEMENT REPORTS]

For those sites that are set up in the site parameters as multi-divisional sites and more than one division is Active, you are asked for the division in the following options.

Generate A&SP Service CDR [ACKQAS CDR] (Exception: Depends on the CDR Site parameter)
Print A&SP Service CDR [ACKQAS CDR PRINT] (Exception: Depends on the CDR Site parameter)
Compile A&SP Capitation Data [ACKQAS WKLD GEN MAN]
Print A&SP Capitation Report [ACKQAS WKLD VERIFY]

New File

#509850.5 -- A&SP PROCEDURE MODIFIER FILE

The A&SP Procedure Modifier file contains a list of the CPT and HCPCS Modifiers that are appropriate to Audiology and Speech Pathology. This file restricts the selection of Modifiers when entering CPT Procedures within the New Clinic Visits option and Edit Existing Visit option.

.01   Modifier

1	Modifier Status

Changes/Additions to Files

#509850.6 -- A&SP CLINIC VISIT FILE

The following fields were added to the definition of a Clinic Visit (fields in italics are not new).

2.7	Secondary Provider (multiple)
3	*Diagnostic Code*
	.12 Primary Diagnosis
6.5	PCE Error
	.01 PCE Error
	.02 PCE Field Name
	.03 PCE Field Internal Value
	.04 PCE Field External Value
	1 PCE Error Message
10	*Procedure Code*
	.03 Volume
	.04 CPT Modifier (multiple)
	.05 Procedure Provider
20	Service connected
25	Agent Orange
30	Radiation
35	Environmental contaminants
55	Appointment Time
60	Division
80	Visit Eligibility
125	PCE Visit IEN
135	Last Sent to PCE
140	Last Edited in QUASAR
900	Exception Date

The following fields were starred for deletion:

.25	Second Clinician
.27	Lead Role
3	*Diagnostic code*
	.15 Modifier

8   Other Provider
9   Disposition
*10   *Procedure Code*
        .02 Modifier

The following starred fields were deleted:
    4.21   NU6 R
    4.22   NU6 L

The following field has a new name:
    6   Clinician is now Primary Provider

#509850.7 -- A&SP WORKLOAD FILE

A Division field (#5) (multiple) was added to the A&SP Workload file for each Month. It contains the following fields:
    .01   division
    5.02   Division Compile Start Time
    5.03   Division Job Number
    5.04   Division compile End time
    5.05   Division CDR Total Paid Hours

A new Division ICD9 field (#5.5) was added to the A&SP Workload file for each Division and Month. This record contains the workload statistics for each ICD9 Code.
    .01   Division ICD9
    10   Division ICD9 # for Audiology
    20   Division ICD9 # for Audio/Tel
    30   Division ICD9 # Audio Unique
    40   Division ICD9 # for Speech
    50   Division ICD9 # for Speech/Tel
    60   Division ICD9 # Speech Unique

A new Division CPT field (#5.6) was added to the A&SP Workload file for each Division and Month. This record contains the workload statistics for each CPT Procedure Code.
    5.6   Division CPT
            .01Division CPT
            10 Division CPT # for Audiology
            20 Division CPT # for Audio/Tel
            30 Division CPT # Audio Unique
            40 Division CPT # for Speech
            50 Division CPT # for Speech/Tel
            60 Division CPT # Speech Unique

A new Division Zip field (#5.7) was added for each Division. There are separate workload counts for Zip Codes made up of the following fields.

.01Division Zip Code
10 Division Zip # for Audiology
20 Division Zip # for Audio/Tel
30 Division Zip # Audio Unique
40 Division Zip # for C&P for Audio
50 Division Zip # for Speech
60 Division Zip # for Speech/Tel
70 Division Zip # Speech Unique
80 Division Zip # for C&P for Speech

A new Division CDR field (#5.8) was added for each Division. There are separate records for the distribution of total paid hours across CDR Accounts made up of the following fields.
.01 Division CDR
54.02 Division CDR Percent

#509850.8 -- A&SP SITE PARAMETERS

The following were added to the parameters for the Site.
1   Generate CDR for Site/Division
2   Interface with PCE
3   Division
.01 Division
.02 Division status
.03 Send to PCE
.04 Use ASP Clinic File Number
.06 Use C&P
.07 Bypass Audiometrics
.08 PCE Interface Start Date
1 Clinic
.01 Clinic Location

The following fields were starred for deletion. Note that some of the same data fields are now part of the definition of Division in the Site Parameters.
.05   Use ASP Clinic File Number
.06   Use Modifiers
.07   Use C&P
.08   Bypass Audiometrics
1   Clinic Location
.01 Clinic Location
.02 ID Number
.03 CDR Account